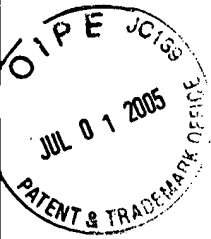


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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: B. Kebede  
TAKAO YONEHARA, ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2823  
Application No.: 10/059,144 )  
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Filed: January 31, 2002 )  
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For: METHOD OF )  
MANUFACTURING )  
THIN-FILM )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE : June 30, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated June 1, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect Species IV, fourth embodiment (i.e., the process that requires a chip forming step before the removing step). Claims 1 to 6, 8, 9, 14, and 15 read on the elected species. All pending claims are generic.

The election of species requirement with respect to Species I, III, and IV is traversed on the ground that there would not be a serious burden on the Examiner to examine all three species in a single application. See MPEP § 803. It is believed that any such burden has already been expended, since the Examiner has already examined claims directed to each of Species I, III, and IV.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election of species requirement, at least with respect to Species I, III, and IV, are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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